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PHILOSOPHY AND CHEMISTRY: THE ONTOLOGY OF MATTER AND THE NATURE OF MATTER

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I seek to explore the areas where philosophy and chemistry intersect in order to show how philosophical ideas about the nature of matter and causality have been reflected in the development of chemical science and how chemistry, which studies the structure and transformation of matter, can improve philosophical understanding of reality. It is crucial to look into the relationship between philosophy and chemistry from a scientific and practical perspective. This study enhances the effectiveness of chemical processes in relevant industries and enables a deeper comprehension of their nature. For example, pharmacology, biotechnology, environmental protection, and the creation of new materials all heavily rely on the integrated approaches of philosophy and chemistry. Analysis and comparison are used to identify general principles and concepts that link philosophy and chemistry, review philosophical and scientific sources on atomism, compare philosophical and chemistry approaches to the nature of matter, and look at historical stages of the development of philosophical ideas that influenced the formation of chemical science. Through the nexus of chemistry and philosophy, the research looked at the nature of matter, the ideas of causality, the properties of chemical bonding, and ethical and scientific challenges. The philosophical foundations of these questions were supplemented with actual evidence from chemistry. The results of the study made it possible for both science and philosophy to gain a better understanding of chemical processes. From a practical standpoint, the results of the study contribute to the development of new technologies in the fields of ecology, materials science, pharmacology, and biotechnology. The study also seeks to resolve scientific and ethical issues while upholding moral and responsible norms. The practical significance of the study contributes significantly to the improvement of humankind's standard of living through the real application of scientific discoveries. This is what happens when chemistry and philosophy collaborate.

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Introduction

Over the ages, the relationship between philosophy and chemistry has evolved. Currently, two international journals are published in the field of philosophy of chemistry and an annual international conference is held, and all of them have existed more or less since the field began to develop[1].Philosophy investigates the nature of being, reality, and causality; chemistry provides experience and actual data to support these ideas. New theories regarding the nature of matter, its structure and characteristics, and the relationships in the universe are produced by the interaction of these two scientific fields. This article explores the areas where philosophy and chemistry converge, as well as the issues they share and how they work in tandem. We are able to get a more profound comprehension of the nature of matter because of the interconnectivity of the sciences. Philosophical assertions added to the methodological underpinnings of chemistry aid in the advancement of scientific understanding. For example, philosophical approaches play an important role in the interpretation of chemical processes and the study of their cause-effect relationships. The science of chemistry is not just about discovery. It is also, and especially, about creation. It is an art of the complexification of matter[2]. Currently, chemistry is not only an experimental science, but also an important part of the formation of worldview views.

Materials and methods

Both scientific-empirical and historical-philosophical methodologies were used in this investigation. The following methodological techniques were applied during the study:

Historical method: the development of chemical science and its relationship to philosophy are examined.

Comparative approach: an analysis of the connections between philosophical and chemical ideas was conducted.

Theoretical analysis: ideas like chemical bonding, causation, and atomism were examined theoretically.

Empirical research: certain chemical science experiments and their outcomes were examined from a philosophical standpoint.

The study made use of scientific publications, philosophical treatises, historical materials, and the findings of contemporary chemical research.

Main part

1. Historical Roots: Atomism

Atomism originated in Ancient Greek philosophy with Democritus, who proposed that indivisible particles make up all matter. While initially theoretical, this concept gained empirical validation through the work of John Dalton and Dmitri Mendeleev. For example:

- Atomism underpins modern nanotechnology, enabling innovations such as carbon nanotubes and quantum dots.
- Mendeleev's Periodic Law, influenced by philosophical ideas of unity, systematically organized chemical elements, bridging science and philosophy.

Democritus was one of the pioneers of the concept of atomism. He held that indivisible tiny particles called atoms make up all matter. Despite being based on a philosophical perspective, his theories were purely theoretical at the time because there was no empirical support for them. The concept of atomism was validated by science in the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries, along with the development of chemistry as a separate science. Chemical elements are made up of atoms and the laws governing their interactions, as demonstrated by John Dalton's Atomic Theory[3]. Additionally, the systematization of chemical elements was greatly aided by Dmitri Mendeleev's periodic law. The discovery of D. I. Mendeleev's periodic law was highly appreciated by philosophers and prominent scientists. For example, the great scientist and economist Friedrich Engels called D. I. Mendeleev's discovery of the periodic law a "scientific breakthrough"[4]. Many contemporary theories of chemistry are based on the atomistic philosophy. For instance, contemporary quantum chemistry describes how atoms and molecules behave by fusing mathematical and philosophical theories. This method increases our understanding of the nature of matter and opens up new experimental options in chemistry. For example, Bohr model, description of the structure of atoms, especially that of hydrogen, proposed (1913) by the Danish physicist Niels Bohr. The Bohr model of the atom, a radical departure from earlier, classical descriptions, was the first that incorporated quantum theory and was the predecessor of wholly quantum-mechanical models.[5] The contributions of Niels Bohr and Ernest Rutherford to the creation of atomic theory are emphasized. Their models enabled the explanation of the laws governing the arrangement of electrons in atoms and provided a more accurate description of the atom's structure. The study of the nature of chemical bonds was made possible by these findings. The study of atomic structure has aided in the creation of new scientific fields in the modern era, including nanotechnology and biotechnologies. Understanding how matter is arranged at the microscopic level is important from both a scientific and philosophical standpoint. Modern chemistry is based on the concept of philosophical atomism. Consequently, the secret to a better comprehension of chemistry is still its philosophical roots.

2. Causality and chemical reactions

Causality, a fundamental philosophical concept, is essential in understanding chemical reactions. Antoine Lavoisier's law of conservation of mass exemplifies this principle, asserting that mass remains constant in a chemical reaction. Modern quantum chemistry further explores causality,

explaining probabilistic reactions and the role of catalysts. Philosophical and chemical notions of causality are deeply intertwined, providing a holistic understanding of reaction mechanisms. One of the key ideas in philosophy is causation. Subsequent philosophical discussion of the nature of causation has led to two main proposals According to one popular view “causation” refers to the production or generation of effects by material and human agents, often allied to the Aristotelian view of efficient causes and in recent writing to the revival of the notion of “causal power”(Kistler and Gnassanou 2007) [6]. Since cause-and-effect linkages explain chemical reactions, this idea is fairly significant in chemistry. The conversion of one chemical into another is intimately tied to the reaction's trajectory. The causality principle is the foundation of Antoine Lavoisier's law of conservation of mass. This law states that during a chemical reaction, the overall mass of the substances remains unchanged. This idea is regarded as one of the most crucial in both philosophy and chemistry. Understanding chemical causality also aids in understanding thermodynamic stability and reaction direction. For instance, the likelihood of a chemical reaction happening spontaneously is determined by a change in Gibbs energy. From a philosophical perspective, this illustrates how widespread the idea of causality is. Furthermore, quantum chemistry has given causality a new meaning. The laws of quantum mechanics explain why some reactions are probabilistic. This elevates the relationships between philosophy and chemistry to a new plane. For a thorough grasp of the nature of chemical reactions, the causality problem is crucial. For instance, the function of catalysts has a direct impact on the rate and course of chemical reactions. The philosophical idea of causality and the concept of causality in chemistry are closely related. A greater comprehension of the nature of chemical reactions is made possible by this relationship.

3. Chemical Bonding and the nature of being

Connections are regarded in philosophy as an expression of the oneness and integrity of being. Connection does not exist by itself, without that which is connected. Moreover, any connection has its basis, which makes such connection possible. For example, the gravitational properties of material systems condition the force connection of cosmic objects; atomic nuclear charge is a connection in the periodic system of the elements; material production and the community of interests serve as the basis for the connections between human beings in society. The materiality of the world conditions the connection of everything with everything else, expressed in the philosophical principle of universal connection. In order to realise this or that connection there must be certain conditions. They differ for various systems. The nature of these links is revealed at the microscopic level by quantum chemistry, which investigates them in greater detail. The connection between chemistry and philosophy becomes more evident when one understands the links that exist between atoms[7]. Furthermore, "The nature of the chemical bond is the key to understanding the properties of substances and the processes that occur in living organisms and in the inanimate world."(Linus Pauling)[8]. The foundation of stable matter structures is made up of chemical bonds. The interaction of atoms and molecules results in the formation of these bonds. The physical and chemical characteristics of matter are largely determined by these bonds. In philosophy, interconnectedness determines the concept of existence. Chemistry uses actual experimental data to demonstrate this relationship. For example, the structure of a water molecule determines the special nature of chemical bonds. Chemical bonds characterize the unity of being and the constancy of matter, which echoes the basic concepts of philosophy.

4. Ethical and epistemological aspects

In contemporary chemistry, the ethical dilemma holds a unique position. The ethical, social, and cultural aspects of chemistry are diverse, but to date they have been recognized and identified mainly by academic communities in the fields of social sciences, humanities, or philosophy (Applied Ethics). Both the intellectual contribution of chemistry-related participants to reflecting the ethical aspects of chemical activity and the repetitive influence on its behavior and methodology are insignificant[9]. Substances that are beneficial to humanity yet occasionally dangerous are produced, particularly in the chemical industry and the field of pharmacology. Here, philosophy and chemistry combine to examine the ethical and societal ramifications of scientific discoveries.

From the perspective of epistemology, or the theory of knowledge, chemistry depends on the accuracy of information gleaned from experiments. Philosophy examines the creation, validity, and testing of scientific knowledge.

When analyzing and interpreting the findings of scientific study, philosophical approaches are crucial. One instance of philosophical epistemology is the development of scientific ideas and hypotheses in the field of chemistry.

Without philosophical consideration, chemistry's moral and intellectual issues cannot be adequately resolved.

Results and discussions

Throughout the investigation, the complex link between philosophy and chemistry was investigated. The laws of causation, the ontological nature of matter, the nature of chemical bonds, and ethical and scientific issues were all taken into account. The study highlights the intricate relationship between philosophy and chemistry, emphasizing:

- Atomism’s foundational role in modern science.

-The philosophical and chemical dimensions of causality.

- Ethical challenges in balancing innovation with societal responsibility.

The integration of these disciplines fosters advancements in technology and enriches human understanding of matter.

The mix of chemistry's empirical discoveries and philosophical viewpoints shows how complicated the nature of matter is.

Causality: The causal relationships between chemical reactions have been explained by philosophers.

Ethics and methodology: the methodological accuracy of experimental results and the responsibility of scientific research were investigated. These results strengthen the scientific foundations of the connection between chemistry and philosophy and expand experimental applications.

Conclusion

Philosophy and chemistry are complimentary scientific disciplines. While philosophy examines the nature, methods, and implications of chemical knowledge, chemistry enables the empirical study of philosophical issues. Chemistry and philosophy have a common platform for discussing topics like the nature of matter, causality, being, and ethics.

If chemistry were the ‘first science’ in philosophy of science, this would involve the following major changes in the philosophy of science (and spin-off in analytic metaphysics, including the philosophy of mind)[10].

The study's findings enhanced philosophical comprehension of matter's nature and chemical processes. There was extensive discussion of the ontological nature of matter, the structure of chemical bonds, and the ideas of causation. Methodological and ethical problems were also examined, and remedies were suggested.

Actually, this research advances the creation of new technologies in the domains of ecology, materials science, biotechnology, and pharmacology. The study also demonstrated how crucial it is to uphold moral principles while applying scientific discoveries.

Therefore, the connection between philosophy and chemistry is crucial for resolving issues related to both science and worldview.

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ФИЛОСОФИЯ ЖӘНЕ ХИМИЯ: МАТЕРИЯНЫҢ ОНТОЛОГИЯСЫ ЖӘНЕ МАТЕРИЯНЫҢ ТАБИҒАТЫ

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Заттың табиғаты мен себептілігіне қатысты философиялық ұғымдардың химия ғылымының эволюциясында қалай көрініс тапқанын, сондай-ақ материяның құрылымы мен түрленуін зерттейтін химияның шындықты философиялық түсінуді қалай жақсарта алатынын көрсету үшін, мен философия мен химияның тоғысатын салаларын зерттеуге тырысамын. Философия мен химияның байланысын ғылыми және практикалық тұрғыдан зерттеу маңызды. Бұл зерттеу қолданылатын секторлардағы химиялық процестердің тиімділігін арттырады және олардың табиғатын жақсырақ түсінуге мүмкіндік береді. Мысалы, химия мен философияның аралас әдістері қоршаған ортаны қорғау, фармакология, биотехнология және жаңа материалдарды синтездеу салаларында өте маңызды. Химия ғылымының қалыптасуына әсер еткен философиялық идеялардың дамуының тарихи кезеңдері қарастырылады, атомизм туралы философиялық және ғылыми дереккөздер қарастырылады, материяның табиғатына көзқарастар философия мен химия арасында салыстырылады, философия мен химияны байланыстыратын жалпы принциптер мен ұғымдар анықталады.талдау және салыстыру негізінде. Зерттеу барысында заттың табиғаты, себептілік ұғымдары, химиялық байланыстың сипаттамалары, химия мен философияның тоғысуы арқылы этикалық және ғылыми мәселелер қарастырылды. Химия эмпирикалық дәлелдер осы мәселелердің философиялық негіздеріне қосылды. Зерттеу нәтижелері философияда да, ғылымда да химиялық процестер туралы тереңірек білім алуға мүмкіндік берді. Іс жүзінде зерттеу нәтижелері биотехнология, фармакология, материалтану және экология салаларында жаңа технологияларды жасауға көмектеседі. Сонымен қатар, зерттеу моральдық және жауапкершілік стандарттарын сақтай отырып, этикалық және ғылыми қиындықтарды шешуге бағытталған. Ғылыми жаңалықтарды нақты жүзеге асыру арқылы зерттеудің практикалық маңыздылығы адамзаттың өмір сүру деңгейін көтеруде маңызды рөл атқарады. Бұл философия мен химияның бірлескен жұмысының нәтижесі.

Кілт сөздер: *Химия, философия, атомизм, химиялық байланыс, этика, болмыстың бірлігі.*

ФИЛОСОФИЯ И ХИМИЯ: ОНТОЛОГИЯ МАТЕРИИ И ПРИРОДА МАТЕРИИ

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Чтобы продемонстрировать, как философские концепции, касающиеся природы материи и причинно-следственных связей, нашли отражение в эволюции химической науки, а также как химия, изучающая структуру и трансформацию материи, может улучшить философское понимание реальности, я стремлюсь исследовать области, в которых философия и химия сходятся. С научной и практической точек зрения важно исследовать связь между философией и химией. Это исследование повышает эффективность химических процессов в соответствующих отраслях и позволяет лучше понять их природу. Например, сочетание методов химии и философии имеет решающее значение в области защиты окружающей среды, фармакологии, биотехнологии и синтеза новых материалов. Рассматриваются исторические этапы развития философских идей, повлиявших на становление химической науки, рассматриваются философские и научные источники по атомизму, сравниваются подходы к природе материи между философией и химией, а также на основе анализа и сравнения выявляются общие принципы и концепции, связывающие философию и химию. В ходе исследования изучалась природа материи, концепции причинно-следственной связи, характеристики химических связей, а также этические и научные вопросы на стыке химии и философии. К философским обоснованиям этих вопросов добавились эмпирические данные по химии. Результаты исследования позволили глубже понять химические процессы как в философии, так и в науке. На практике результаты исследования помогают в создании новых технологий в области биотехнологии, фармакологии, материаловедения и экологии. Кроме того, исследование направлено на решение этических и научных проблем при соблюдении моральных норм и ответственности. Практическая значимость исследования, заключающаяся в практическом применении научных открытий, играет значительную роль в повышении уровня жизни человечества. Это результат совместной работы философии и химии.

Ключевые слова: *химия, философия, атомизм, химическая связь, этика, единство бытия.*